

PUBLIC NOTICE
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Hobbs Generating Station of Lea Power Partners LLC

Lea Power Partners LLC at 98 N Twombly Lane Suite 200; Hobbs, NM 88242 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Hobbs Generating Station. The owner of this plant is Lea Power Partners LLC. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 32 deg, 43 min, 41.7 sec and longitude - 103 deg, 18 min, 34.2 sec. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 10 miles W. of Hobbs in Lea County, New Mexico. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P244-M3 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 25726.

Previously, the plant received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the plant is to generate electricity for sale.

This operating permit application is for a permit modification. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves incorporation of permit conditions from PSD permit 3449M1 consisting of revising the ammonia emissions from each of the two turbine/duct burner/SCR from 5 ppmvd @ 15% O₂ to 10 ppmvd @ 15% O₂ to align these emissions with the expected performance of the existing pollution controls while providing an adequate margin for compliance; no physical changes to any emission source at the facility; and revise the ammonia emissions limit from ppmvd emission rates to the pound per hour and ton per year emission rates; and deleting the ppmvd limit from this permit..

There are no changes in emissions in this permitting action.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance status.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this plant will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 7, 33, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 84; 40 CFR 50, 40 CFR 60, Subparts A, and KKKK, and 40 CFR 75, Title IV; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before May 20, 2013.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P244-M3. Contact the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, Operating Permit Unit, 1301 Siler Rd, Bldg B, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507-3113.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, Operating Permits Unit, 1301 Siler, Bldg B, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507-3113. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Joseph Kimbrell at 505-476-4347.